

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An method of inspecting actuator operation for an actuator having a movable portion displaceable between an actuation position where a safety stop device of an elevator is actuated and a normal position where the actuation of the safety stop device is released, ~~characterized by~~ comprising:

displacing the movable portion between the normal position and a semi-operation portion located between the normal position and the actuation position.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): An method of inspecting actuator operation according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the actuator further has an electromagnetic coil for displacing the movable portion when a current flows through the electromagnetic coil, where the movable portion is displaced between the semi-operation position and the normal position by adjusting the amount of current to the electromagnetic coil.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): Device for inspecting an operation of an actuator having[[[:]] a movable portion displaceable between an actuation position where a safety stop device of an elevator is actuated and a normal position where the actuation of the safety stop device is released[[[:]]], and an electromagnetic coil for displacing the movable portion by causing a current to flow through the electromagnetic coil, the device comprising:

a feeder circuit for supplying an amount of electricity required for a semi-operation to the electromagnetic coil, the amount of electricity required for the semi-operation being less than that required for a full operation for displacing the movable portion from the normal position to the actuation position.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): Device for inspecting actuator operation according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the feeder circuit has a capacitor which can supply the amount of electricity required for the semi-operation to the electromagnetic coil.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): Device for inspecting actuator operation according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the feeder circuit has a resistor for consuming a part of the amount of electricity required for the full operation.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): Device for inspecting actuator operation according to claim 3, ~~characterized by~~ further comprising a detection portion for detecting displacement of the movable portion to a semi-operation position located between the actuation position and the normal position.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): Device for inspecting actuator operation according to ~~any one of claims 3 to 6~~ claim 3, ~~characterized by~~ further comprising a load portion for generating a drag acting against displacement of the movable portion in a direction approaching the actuation position.

Claim 8 (New): Device for inspecting actuator operation according to claim 4, further comprising a load portion for generating a drag acting against displacement of the movable portion in a direction approaching the actuation position.

Claim 9 (New): Device for inspecting actuator operation according to claim 5, further comprising a load portion for generating a drag acting against displacement of the movable portion in a direction approaching the actuation position.

Claim 10 (New): Device for inspecting actuator operation according to claim 6, further comprising a load portion for generating a drag acting against displacement of the movable portion in a direction approaching the actuation position.